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## MEMORANDUM

To: Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Applicants  
From: Carol Gneckow, Program Specialist  
Department of Education Services  
Date: Summer 2011  
Re: Funding for the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship

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The Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship program is a federally funded program administered by the Office of Public Instruction to recognize exceptionally able high school seniors who show promise of continued excellence in post-secondary education. On April 14, 2011, President Obama signed legislation which funds the federal government for the remainder of the federal fiscal year. Unfortunately, the legislation terminates funding for several programs, including the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship program. As a result, no scholarships will be made to new students and no new renewal funding will be available to college/university students for the 2011-12 school year.

Students are encouraged to contact the college/university financial aid office for information on other financial aid opportunities such as tuition exemptions and waivers, grants and scholarships, work-study, and loans/loan repayment.

If you have questions please contact Carol Gneckow, (406) 444-2417, or send an e-mail, [cgneckow@mt.gov](mailto:cgneckow@mt.gov). Thank you for your attention to this memorandum.